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SUBJ: DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY FOR MINOR TRAFFIC OFFENSES

1. TWO MILITARY ADVISORY PERSONNEL, WHO RECENTLY COMMITTED MINOR TRAFFIC OFFENSES, HAD THEIR DRIVER'S LICENSES TAKEN BY POLICE-MEN. PERSONNEL CARRY OFFICIAL PASSPORTS. POLICE COURT JUDGE REFUSES TO RETURN LICENSES ASSERTING THAT IMMUNITY DOES NOT EXTEND TO SUCH MINOR OFFENSES. IF MATTER IS NOT SETTLED BY PAYMENT OF FINE (1,000 RIALS), CASES WILL PROBABLY BE REPORTED THROUGH MINISTRY OF JUSTICE TO MFA WHICH WILL SEND EMBASSY A FORMAL NOTE. PRE-SUMABLY, WE CAN THEN ASSERT IMMUNITY.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE AS TO WHETHER WE SHOULD (1) INVOKE IMMUNITY IN MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS OF THIS KIND, OR (2) REQUIRE THAT MILITARY PERSONNEL PAY FINES IN SUCH PETTY CASES. WHAT IS USG PRACTICE WITH REGARD TO (1) FOREIGN EMBASSY DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL, (2) FOREIGN TECHNICAL PERSONNEL, AND (3) FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL ON TEMPORARY TRAINING ASSIGNMENTS OR OTHER DUTIES IN THE US?

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY.
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